

I have written before about my deep concerns regarding consolidation of media. As a former reporter in Richmond, Va., I have seen what the loss of media outlets has meant to our community. The public has less knowledge than ever about government and community news as news radio stations stopped their news coverage as a result of Clear Channel ownership.

I have learned today that Sinclair will place a piece on their stations under the guise of "news" just before the presidential election. This is an outcome of media control that is even more frightening than what I have written to the FCC about previously.

I saw one of your commissioners on CSPAN recently and agree with him completely that the FCC must be more proactive in protection of fair use of the air waves. The Sinclair broadcast will set a precedent that we as American voters will surely live to regret, if it is broadcast.

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